IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) A network update tracking system in a server, comprising:

a processor circuit having a processor and a memory;

a list of variables, tags, or attributes stored in a database;

update detection logic stored on the memory and executable by the processor, the update detection logic comprising:

logic that detects a number of updates to portions of in a corresponding number of network sites, the portions being unassociated with one of the variables, tags, or attributes; and

logic that generates an update report to be sent to a client via a network, the update report listing at least one of the updates.

2.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the update detection logic further comprises logic that transmits the update report to the client via the network.

3.   (Original) The network update tracking system of claim 1, wherein the update detection logic further comprises logic that posts the update report to a network site accessible by a user via the client through the network.

4.   (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the logic that detects the number of updates in the corresponding number of network sites further comprises logic that compares a content measure of at least one of the network sites with a corresponding previous content measure upon an occurrence of a comparison event.

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5.   (Original) The network update tracking system of claim 2,
wherein the logic that generates the update report to be sent to the client via the network further comprises logic that embodies the update report into an electronic mail message; and
wherein the logic that transmits the update report to the client via the network further comprises logic that transmits the electronic mail message to the client via the network.

6.   (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the logic that detects the number of updates in the corresponding number of network sites further comprises logic that detects the occurrence of the comparison event.

7.   (Currently Amended) A network update tracking method, comprising:
storing a list of variables, tags, or attributes stored in a database;
detecting a number of updates to portions of in a corresponding number of network sites in an update detection server, the portions being unassociated with one of the variables, tags, or attributes; and
generating an update report in the update detection server, the update report to be sent to a client via a network, the update report listing at least one of the updates.

8.   (Original) The network update tracking method of claim 7, further comprising transmitting the update report to the client via the network.

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9.   (Original) The network update tracking method of claim 8,
wherein the step of generating the update report in the update
detection server further comprises embodying the update report into an electronic
mail message; and
wherein the step of transmitting the update report to the client via the
network further comprises transmitting the electronic mail message to the client via
the network.

10.   (Original) The network update tracking method of claim 7, further
comprising posting the update report to a posting network site that is accessible by a
user via the client.

11.   (Original) The network update tracking method of claim 7, wherein the
step of detecting the number of updates in the corresponding number of network
sites in the update detection server further comprises comparing a content measure
of at least one of the network sites with a corresponding previous content measure
upon an occurrence of a comparison event.

12.   (Original) The network update tracking method of claim 11, wherein
the step of detecting the number of updates in the corresponding number of network
sites in the update detection server further comprises further comprises detecting the
occurrence of the comparison event.

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13.   (Currently Amended) A network update tracking system, comprising:

a processor circuit having a processor and a memory;

a list of variables, tags, or attributes stored in a database;

update detection logic stored on the memory and executable by the processor, the update detection logic comprising:

logic that detects at least one update in a network site that occurs to a portion of the network site that is unassociated with one of the variables, tags, or attributes;

logic that generates an update report, the update report identifying the at least one update; and

logic that presents the update report to a user.

14.   (Original) The network update tracking system of claim 13, wherein the logic that presents the update report to the user further comprises logic that displays the update report in a graphical user interface on a display device.

15.   (Original) The network update tracking system of claim 13, wherein the logic that detects the at least one update in the network site in the computer system further comprises logic that compares a content measure of the network site with a previous content measure of the network site upon an occurrence of a comparison event.

16.   (Original) The network update tracking system of claim 15, wherein the logic that detects the at least one update in the network site in the computer system further comprises logic that detects the occurrence of the comparison event.

17.   (Currently Amended) A network update tracking method, comprising:

<u>storing a list of variables, tags, or attributes in a database;</u>

detecting at least one update in a network site <u>that occurs to a portion of the network site that is unassociated with one of the variables, tags, or attributes</u> in a computer system coupled to a network; ~~and~~

generating an update report in the computer system, the update report identifying the at least one update; and

presenting the update report to a user.

18.   (Original) The network update tracking method of claim 17, wherein the step of presenting the update report to the user further comprises displaying the update report in a graphical user interface on a display device.

19.   (Original) The network update tracking method of claim 17, wherein the step of detecting the at least one update in the network site in the computer system further comprises comparing a content measure of the network site with a previous content measure of the network site upon an occurrence of a comparison event.

20.   (Original) The network update tracking method of claim 19, wherein the step of detecting the at least one update in the network site in the computer system further comprises detecting the occurrence of the comparison event.

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